Sonoco Board Declares Regular Dividend

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., July 21 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sonoco's (NYSE: SON) board of directors today declared a regular dividend of $.22 per share. This 317th consecutive quarterly dividend will be payable September 10, 2004, to shareholders of record as of August 20, 2004.

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Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a $2.8 billion global manufacturer of industrial and consumer products and provider of packaging services, with more than 300 operations in 36 countries, serving customers in 85 nations. For more information about the Company, visit the Sonoco Web site at http://www.sonoco.com .

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